



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

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San Miguel Neighborhood Community
Sunnyvale, California

Dear Resident:

We are reaching out to you a second time to request your participation in an environmental study being conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in this part of Sunnyvale, associated with three sites informally known by the collective term "Triple Site." The purpose of the study is to investigate the potential for vapor intrusion (a process where vapors from groundwater contamination may migrate into the indoor air of nearby buildings).

After requesting permission from owners, EPA conducted a first round of sampling in buildings and homes in your area this past winter, but did not get a response from you. **During the first round of testing, EPA found evidence that vapor intrusion was occurring in some buildings on the south side of Duane Avenue. Because of these findings, EPA recommends testing at all residences directly across Duane Avenue and nearby streets. Therefore, as a precaution, EPA would like to test the air inside your home to determine if there is a buildup of trichloroethene (TCE) – the main chemical we are concerned about in this investigation. There is no cost to you for this testing, which we would like to do in the next few weeks.**

EPA's Sampling Access Agreement is attached to this letter. **Please sign the Sampling Access Agreement and return it to EPA as soon as possible at the following address: Melanie Morash, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street (SFD-7-1), San Francisco, California 94105. Please note that your drinking water does not come from groundwater in this area. Neighborhood drinking water comes from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and meets all state and federal drinking water standards.**

The process for testing for TCE in indoor air is not disruptive, and simply involves placing a small sampling device in your home and in the crawlspace beneath your home over a 24-hour to 2-week period. EPA's goal is to conduct two sampling events, including at least one during the winter, and can work with you on your preferred sampling time. After testing, EPA will notify you of the results within a few weeks. If levels exceed EPA's health-based screening levels, we will present options to you as to how to proceed. Again, if we find a vapor intrusion issue, there will be no cost to you to put in place a solution. For the Duane Avenue buildings where elevated levels of TCE were found, the issue has been addressed in the short-term by improving ventilation. Long-term, permanent solutions for the affected buildings are also being developed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3050 or e-mail me at morash.melanie@epa.gov. You may also contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, Alejandro Diaz, who is fluent in Spanish, at (415) 972-3242 or by e-mail to diaz.alejandro@epa.gov. EPA also has a website for the project: www.epa.gov/region9/triplesite which has additional information. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Morash".

Melanie Morash, EPA Project Manager